

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm and dry weather was experienced for most of last week with only minor scattered showers throughout the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Average temperatures varied from 1 degrees below to 12 degrees above normal. Daytime highs above or at the century mark were recorded at twenty-one weather stations, and ranged from 85 degrees at Eagle Nest, to 109 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 31 degrees at Raton to 71 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Light precipitation was experienced around the State with measurable rainfall reported at 23 of the 45 reporting weather stations. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Antelope Wells, where 0.65 inches fell. In Union County, scattered showers have led to varying range conditions. Reporter’s comments stated that the hot weather helped with corn progress but deteriorated pasture conditions, with producers needing to haul water to keep up with livestock needs. In Curry County, respondents reported that the hot dry conditions affected all aspects of agriculture production including the quickening of haying, cotton progress and alfalfa progress as well as diminished cattle conditions. Wheat harvest was finishing up by weeks end with good yields reported. Reports from Eddy and Chaves Counties indicated that the dry weather had led to emptied water tanks and a small number of grass fires. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 35 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 18 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	82	70	79	88
3 rd cutting harvested	51	26	35	59
Corn				
Emerged	90	85	98	99
Silking	14	4	11	21
Cotton				
Emerged	95	93	94	NA
Squaring	45	17	26	58
Onions				
Harvested.....	74	65	90	77
Peanuts				
Emerged	88	69	94	NA
Sorghum				
Emerged	81	64	84	NA
Headed	3	1	1	1
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	88	79	64	80

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	12	15	46
Short	63	62	33	30
Adequate	21	26	50	23
Surplus	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	10	11	NA
Short	44	41	25	NA
Adequate	45	49	63	NA
Surplus	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	4	6	6
Fair.....	44	44	22	32
Good	46	45	44	44
Excellent	7	7	28	15
Chile				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	12	12	3	NA
Fair.....	16	16	25	NA
Good	48	48	52	NA
Excellent	21	21	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	--	--	6
Fair.....	30	30	11	39
Good	51	52	52	35
Excellent	18	18	37	18
Cotton				
Very poor	3	2	--	4
Poor.....	30	29	1	15
Fair.....	27	28	38	37
Good	28	28	51	29
Excellent	12	13	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	2	4	38
Poor.....	19	18	7	30
Fair.....	46	48	32	18
Good	29	29	45	12
Excellent	3	3	12	2
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	100	100	NA	NA
Good	--	--	NA	NA
Excellent	--	--	NA	NA
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	9	9	14	23
Good	47	47	75	68
Excellent	44	44	10	8
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	1	--	--	14
Fair.....	72	71	17	36
Good	26	28	81	35
Excellent	1	1	2	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	2	NA
Fair.....	33	32	24	NA
Good	55	56	64	NA
Excellent	7	7	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	14	NA
Poor.....	11	11	16	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good	56	57	52	NA
Excellent	3	2	4	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_07102016.pdf